

## SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant Application

**DEPARTMENT:** Fiscal Services

**DIVISION:** Administration - Fiscal Services

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Lisa Spriggs

**CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero

**EXT:** 7125

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection requesting \$200,000 through their FRDAP Grant Program for renovations to Wilson's Landing Park; and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

District 5 Brenda Carey

Joe Abel

**BACKGROUND:**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is offering the FRDAP Grant Program to financially assist local governments with developing land for public outdoor recreation use. The program seeks to provide funds for the development or renovation of public outdoor recreation areas, facilities (i.e. restrooms, pavilions, etc.), and trails.

During budget work sessions held July 31–August 2, staff was directed by the Board to pursue grant funding opportunities to help subsidize the proposed cost to renovate the Wilson's Landing site. Staff is seeking approval from the Board to pursue the FRDAP Grant for the outdoor-related renovations and/or amenities detailed on the attached Abstract form.

Due September 14, 2007, the proposed application would request \$200,000. If awarded, matching funds of \$200,000 would need to be accommodated by General Fund.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection requesting \$200,000 through their FRDAP Grant Program for renovations to Wilson's Landing Park; and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Grant Proposal Review Form

<b>Additionally Reviewed By:</b> No additional reviews
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**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT**  
**GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: Florida Department of Environmental Protection

DATE DUE: September 14, 2007

PROJECT TITLE: Wilson's Landing

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Amy Raub, Natural Lands Program

PROJECT MANAGER: Joe Gasparini, Parks and Recreation Manager

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As presented by Amy Raub during the recent budget work sessions, outdoor amenities proposed for the Wilson's Landing site include:

- A designated area in the pasture and adjacent oak hammock for group camping with fire rings.
- Surrounding the camping area, a crushed shell trail loop which will further identify the camping area.
- Interpretation along the shell trail and throughout the park focusing on the Wekiva River ecosystem and the history of the Native Americans along the river.
- A retrofit to the existing boardwalk/overlook to include a canoe launch floating dock platform. This will ease the entrance and exit to the water for individuals who choose to port a canoe or kayak.
- A ropes course to be constructed in an already fenced in area of the park.
- A possible native plant demonstration or butterfly garden.
- An additional open air pavilion or wildlife observation platform in the hammock.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$200,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$200,000

SOURCES OF MATCH: General Fund

TOTAL PROJECT COST: TBD

GRANT FUNDING IS:

☒COMPETITIVE

☐ ENTITLEMENT

☐ CONTRACT